

In response to the Second Office Action, please amend the above-identified application (the "Application") as follows:

The Abstract

Please delete the Abstract section of the specification and replace the deleted section with the replacement Abstract attached as Exhibit A. A marked up version to show the changes made in the Abstract is attached as Exhibit B.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1, 17, 18, 22 – 25 and 28 as set forth in the replacement claims below (clean version). A marked up version to show the changes made in the claims is attached as Exhibit C.

1. (Amended) An online education system that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on at least one lesson, the system comprising:

an educator provider system for transmission of at least one lesson comprising an audio file;

at least one student system capable of receiving the at least one lesson and presenting the  
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network means for connecting the educator provider system with the at least one student system in bidirectional communication;

such that when the at least one lesson is transmitted over the network means from the educator provider system to the at least one student system, the presentation of the at least one lesson is controlled by an audio controlling means based on the received audio file, so that the at

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least one student cannot advance in the at least one lesson until the audio file has completed playing.

17. (Twice Amended) An online education system that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on at least one lesson, the system comprising:

an educator provider system for transmission of at least one lesson comprising at least one video file;

at least one student system capable of receiving the at least one lesson and presenting the lesson to at least one student;

network means for connecting the educator provider system with the at least one student system in bidirectional communication; and

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a video controlling means operably connected to the network means, such that when the at least one lesson is transmitted over the network means from the educator provider system to the at least one student system, the presentation of the at least one lesson is controlled by the video controlling means based on the received video file, so that the at least one student cannot advance in the at least one lesson until the video file has completed playing.

18. (Twice Amended) A system for online education that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on at least one lesson, the system comprising:

an educator provider system for transmission of at least one lesson, that comprises at least one audio file or at least one video file, and for transmission of a lesson completion record that certifies that the required amount of time was spent on the lesson, wherein the at least one audio file or at least one video file controls the presentation of the lesson, so that the at least one student cannot advance in the at least one lesson until the audio file or video file has completed playing;

at least one student system capable of receiving the at least one lesson and presenting the at least one lesson to at least one student; and

network means connected to the educator provider system and the at least one student system in bidirectional communication;

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such that after completion of the transmission of the at least one lesson over the network means from the education provider system to the at least one student system, the lesson completion record is immediately transmitted to the at least one student system upon the completion of the lesson.

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22. (Twice Amended) A method of online education of at least one lesson that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on the at least one lesson, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an online education system including:

(a) an educator provider system for transmission of at least one interactive lesson comprising an audio file;

(b) at least one student system capable of receiving the at least one lesson and presenting the at least one lesson to at least one student; and

(c) network means for connecting the educator provider system with the at least one student system in bidirectional communication;

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transmitting one of the at least one lessons from the educator provider system to one of the at least one student systems;

receiving and presenting the transmitted lesson at the student system; and

controlling the pace of the presentation of the received lesson with the received audio file, so that the at least one student cannot advance in the received lesson until the received audio file has completed playing.

23. (Twice Amended) A method of online education of at least one lesson that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on the at least one lesson, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an online education system including:

(a) an educator provider system for transmission of a plurality of presentations that make up a lesson, at least one of the plurality of presentations having at least one audio file associated therewith;

(b) at least one student system capable of receiving each of the plurality of presentations and presenting each of the plurality of presentations to at least one student; and

(c) network means for connecting the educator provider system with the at least one student system in bidirectional communication;

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transmitting each of the plurality of presentations from the educator provider system to one of the at least one student systems;

receiving and presenting each of the transmitted plurality of presentations at the student system; and

controlling the pace of the presentation of each of the transmitted plurality of presentations of the lesson based on the audio file associated with that presentation, so that the at least one student cannot advance in the lesson until the at least one audio file associated with that presentation has completely played.

24. (Twice Amended) A method of online education of at least one lesson that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on the at least one lesson, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an online education system including:

- (a) an educator provider system for transmission of at least one interactive lesson comprising at least one video file;
- (b) at least one student system capable of receiving the at least one lesson and presenting the lesson to at least one student;
- (c) network means for connecting the educator provider system with the at least one student system in bidirectional communication; and
- (d) a video controlling means operably connected to the network means;

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transmitting one of the at least one lessons from the educator provider system to one of the at least one student systems;

receiving and presenting the transmitted lesson at the student system; and  
controlling the pace of the presentation of the received lesson with the video controlling means based on the at least one video file, so that the at least one student cannot advance in the received lesson until the at least one video file has completed playing.

25. (Twice Amended) A method of online education of at least one lesson that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on at least one lesson, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an online education system including:

- (a) an educator provider system for transmission of at least one lesson and for transmission of a lesson completion record that certifies that the required amount of time was spent on the lesson;
- (b) at least one student system capable of receiving the at least one lesson and presenting the at least one lesson to at least one student; and
- (c) network means connected to the educator provider system and the at least one student system in bidirectional communication;

β 3 transmitting one of the at least one lessons from the educator provider system to one of the at least one student systems;

receiving and presenting the transmitted lesson at the student system until the transmitted lesson is completed;

controlling the presentation of the lesson with at least one audio file or at least one video file so that the at least one student cannot advance in the lesson until the at least one audio file or at least one video file has completed playing;

generating the lesson completion record with the educator provider system; and immediately transmitting the lesson completion record from the educator provider system to the student system on which the lesson was completed, upon the completion of the lesson.

28. (Twice Amended) A method of online education of at least one lesson that guarantees that at least one student spends a specified amount of time on the at least one lesson, the method comprising the steps of:

β 4 providing an online education system including:

- (a) an educator provider system for transmission of at least one lesson and for transmission of a lesson completion record that certifies that the required amount of time was spent on the lesson;
- (b) a student system capable of receiving the at least one lesson and presenting the at least one lesson to a student using the student system;
- (c) an education authority system capable of receipt of the lesson completion record; and
- (d) a network means operably connected to the educator provider system, the student system, and the education authority system;

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transmitting one of the at least one lessons from the educator provider system to the student system;

receiving and presenting the transmitted lesson at the student system until the transmitted lesson is completed;

controlling the presentation of the lesson with at least one audio file or at least one video file so that the at least one student cannot advance in the lesson until the at least one audio file or at least one video file has completed playing;

generating with the educator provider system the lesson completion record; and immediately transmitting the lesson completion record from the educator provider system to the education authority system upon the completion of the lesson.